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1. Indonesia

The situation is still touch and go, but it appears that the army has decided for the present at least to accept Sukarno's cabinet changes. The embassy understands that Nasution will move to Bandung and stay quiet for the time being.

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Nasution is clearly rationalizing his failure to act. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] he wants to avoid an open fight with Sukarno, believing that the army would lose. He has decided therefore to play out the string until Sukarno dies and then make a comeback. Meanwhile, Nasution believes things are not too bad since he considers the new defense minister to be "his man."

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The embassy doubts that the situation will erupt over the next few days, but warns that there is always the danger of miscalculation and that any one of a number of activist groups might decide to move on their own.

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2. Dominican Republic

The Dominican Army and Air Force chiefs are beginning to give the impression that they will dig in against Garcia Godoy's compromise solution. The president, however, is still hopeful that he can build up enough pressure over the short run to bring them around. Some sort of announcement may come tomorrow night when Garcia Godoy is scheduled to go on the air again.

Some influential Dominican circles are coming to believe that the president is not anxious to have elections in June and will even try to create a climate unfavorable to them. These people assert Garcia Godoy has enjoyed the taste of power and will be reluctant to give it up until forced to do so.

3. Congo

Officials of the International Monetary Fund who have just completed a fact-finding mission to the Congo came away favorably impressed with Mobutu's vigor and determination but somewhat skeptical of his ability to keep on top of his government.

They note that such potentially dangerous problems as the effects of wage pressures and import cuts, the possibility of Tshombé's return, and the restlessness of the members of parliament may descend on Mobutu all at once. On top of this, they found the government badly organized, the president ill informed, and the state administration almost nonexistent.

Mobutu was told that the Fund is willing to help work out fiscal reforms. If these improve the situation, some financial assistance may be forthcoming during the second half of the year.

4. North Vietnam



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